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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Narayan K. Athanikar, et al.

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For: **PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEWING GUM**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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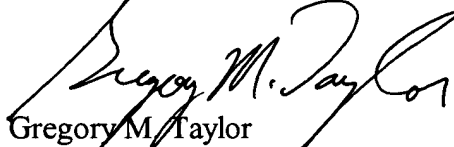
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

German Patent No. DE 28 08 160: This patent relates to tablets based on chewing gum granulates which can be produced using conventional tableting equipment. The chewing gum granulate can be used to achieve prolonged or delayed release of medicament. Furthermore, a sweet chewing gum core can be surrounded with a mantle containing a bitter active ingredient; in this case, the initial bitter flavor becomes overlaid with the sweetness of the chewing gum, which is more acceptable than the usual case of an initially sweet flavor accompanied by a bitter aftertaste.

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of the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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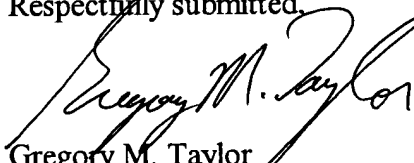
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